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*****UPDATE: Revised Location*****

Jersey City to Host the Annual Memorial Service
“Reflections” on the Jersey City Waterfront
To Observe With Song, Music, Prayers and Speeches
Memorial Freedom Wreath to Be Floated in the Hudson River

Jersey City – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Jersey City 9/11 Memorial Committee will observe the eighth annual 9/11 Memorial Service “Reflections,” at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009, at the Atrium at Harborside, 154 Plaza III, Harborside Financial Center on the Jersey City Waterfront (enter from Christopher Columbus Drive by Hudson Street). The public is encouraged to attend the patriotic ceremony.

On September 11, 2001, Jersey City lost 37 residents in the devastating terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. As the horrific events unfolded across the Hudson River, the Jersey City waterfront became a staging ground for the recovery and relief efforts. Today, the 9/11 monument stands across the river from where the World Trade Center towers once stood.

“On this day, we pay tribute to those who lost their lives and loved ones on that tragic day,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Even though eight years have passed, we here in Jersey City continue to reflect upon the outpouring of support and patriotism that exemplifies the true spirit of our community and makes us all proud of our nation. Especially on this day, we stand taller because of the freedoms and opportunities that we are afforded and salute the many brave men and women who protect the very liberties that terrorists seek to destroy.”

Since 2002, the **Jersey City 9/11 Memorial Committee** has observed the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, and the forced crash of a commercial aircraft, Flight 93, in a Pennsylvania field which had been commandeered by terrorists.

“September 11th is a day of reverent reflection,” **Mayor Healy** continued. “The names of 37 residents of Jersey City are honorably etched in stone on Jersey City’s 9/11 Memorial for future generations to remember with respect and honor.”

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The Mayor noted that contingents of Jersey City firefighters, police officers, doctors, nurses and medical technicians were among the first responders to Ground Zero. A triage was established in Liberty State Park and New York Waterway ferried thousands of injured people and workers from the devastated area in Lower Manhattan to safety in Jersey City. The Jersey City Medical Center, Greenville Hospital, Christ Hospital and Saint Francis Hospital were the medical facilities where most of those brought to Jersey City were treated. Local funeral homes were called upon to offer assistance with the bodies of the victims.

The 9/11 ceremony will feature remarks by Mayor Healy and members of the City Council, along with relatives of some of those killed. Prayers will be offered by clergy from various religious denominations. Special songs and inspirational music will also be part of the remembrance program. Continuing a spiritual custom started in 2002, there will be the recitation of the names of the residents of Jersey City killed in the attack on the World Trade Center. The chiming of a bell will accompany each name spoken.

For more information on Jersey City's 9-11 Memorial Service, contact the Division of Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921.

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